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Inventor: Stockenberg et. al                      Art Unit: 2771  
Serial No.: 09/052,325                      Examiner: Ho, R.  
Title: Method and System for Assisting in Backups and Restores Over Different Channels.

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Office Action dated November 24, 1999, please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated below.